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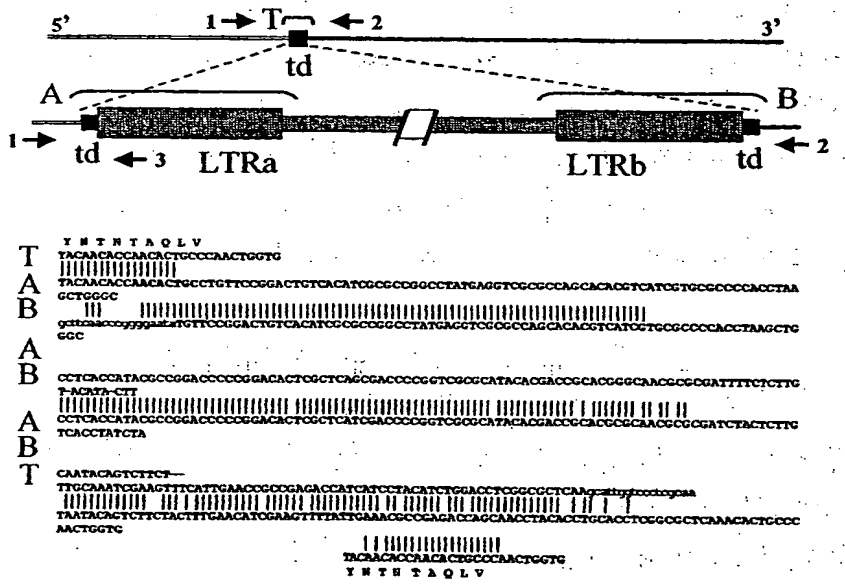

(57) Abstract: Nucleic acid (DNA) probes are provided which will specifically identify a gene for resistance of Bt in insect populations. Sequences are identified associated with the onset of resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* toxins. The sequences are used as probes to monitor the presence of acquired insect resistance associated with transgenic crops.

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of US provisional application having serial number 60/276,180 filed on March 15, 2001, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed towards the occurrence and identification of pesticide tolerance of certain insects. The invention makes use of specific polynucleotide sequences associated with the onset of resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* toxins which are used as probes to monitor the presence of acquired insect resistance associated with transgenic crops. The specific polynucleotide sequences are also used to monitor changes in the frequencies of alleles which confer the resistance to the toxins.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) contains genes encoding insecticidal proteins. Bt proteins are toxic when ingested by susceptible insect larvae. The protein attacks the insect's midgut, causes cessation of feeding, and eventually kills the insect. Bt toxins have been produced as fermentation products of Bt cultures and used in spray formulations for crop

protection. Bt genes have also been used commercially to transform crop plants; these transgenic crop plants' cells then produce the insecticidal protein which attacks susceptible insects that attempt to feed on the plant.

The general mode of action of Bt toxins is well known in the art and is described for example by Rajamohan F, Lee MK, Dean DH (1998) *Progress in Nucleic Acid Research and Molecular Biology* 60: 1-27. The protein produced by the bacterium is usually a protoxin, which itself is not toxic until it is proteolytically cleaved by the insect's own proteases. The smaller protein resulting from proteolysis is the active toxin. This toxin diffuses through the peritrophic membrane to the midgut epithelium, where it binds to one or more sites in the membrane. This initial binding step may be reversible, but eventually the toxin becomes irreversibly bound to the membrane. A conformational change occurs in the toxin, whereby membrane-spanning alpha helices are inserted into the membrane, where they aggregate and form pores. These pores disrupt the normal osmotic balance of the epithelial cells. The cells swell and lyse, leading to destruction of the midgut epithelial cell layer and eventual death of the insect.

The initial binding step is believed to be necessary for toxin action; consequently there have been many studies on binding interactions of Bt toxins and components of the midgut, described for example by Pietrantonio PV and Gill SS (1996) in *Biology of the Insect Midgut*, Chapman & Hall, London, pp 345-372. Techniques used to study binding often start with the isolation of brush border membrane vesicles (BBMVs) from the microvillar portion of columnar epithelial cells. Binding to BBMVs in suspension can be measured using labeled toxin. Alternatively, proteins can be isolated from BBMVs, separated by denaturing electrophoresis conditions, transferred to membranes, and probed with toxin. In addition, histological sections of insect midguts can be prepared and binding of labeled toxin can be visualized using microscopy.

Binding of Bt toxins to specific insect proteins can also be measured. Several proteins that interact with Bt toxins are well known in the art. Aminopeptidases exist in many different forms in insect midguts, and many of them have been shown to bind Bt toxins (Knight PJK, Knowles BH, Ellar DJ (1995) *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 270 (30): 17765-17770; Gill SS,

Cowles EA, Francis V (1995) *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 270 (45): 27277-27282; Luo K, Sangadala S, Masson L, Mazza A, Brousseau R, Adang MJ (1997) *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 27 (8-9): 735-743). Members of the cadherin superfamily have also been shown to bind Bt toxins (Vadlamudi RK, Weber E, Ji IH, Ji TH, and Bulla LA (1995) *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 270: 5490-5494; and Nagamatsu Y, Koike T, Sasaki K, Yoshimoto A, Furukawa Y, (1999) *FEBS Letters* 460: 385-390). Phosphatase enzymes have also been implicated in Bt toxin binding (Sangadala S, Walters FS, English LH, Adang MJ, (1994) *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 269 (13): 10088-10092). TPP-75, an elastase-like serine protease, binds to certain Bt toxins and causes them to precipitate (Milne RE, Pang ASD, Kaplan H (1995) *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 25 (10): 1101-1114). BTR-270, a peptidoglycan, binds Cry1A toxins with high affinity (Valaitis AP, Jenkins JL, Lee MK, Dean DH, Garner KJ (2001) *Archives of Insect Biochemistry and Physiology* 46 (4): 186-200). Bt toxins have also been shown to bind to nonprotein components of midgut epithelial membranes. Glycolipids from *Manduca sexta* have been shown to bind Cry1A toxins using an overlay technique (Garczynski SF and Adang MJ (2000) in *Entomopathogenic Bacteria: From Laboratory to Field Application*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, pp 181-197). Neutral lipids are involved in Bt toxin binding to *Manduca sexta* brush border membranes (Sangadala S, Azadi P, Carlson R, Adang MJ (2001) *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 32 (1): 97-107). Neutral glycolipids, especially hexa- and tri-saccharylceramides, are implicated in Cry1A toxin binding in diamondback moth (Kumaraswami NS, Maruyama T, Kurabe S, Kishimoto T, Mitsui T, Hori H, (2001) *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology B- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology* 129 (1): 173-183).

The relationship between binding targets for Bt-toxins and susceptibility or resistance to Bt is very complicated and not completely understood at the present time. Several hundred strains of *Bacillus thuringiensis* exist, with considerable specificity toward various groups of insects. Co-evolution between the insects and Bt has resulted in specificity of the interaction between Bt-toxin and the membranes of insect gut cells. The Bt-toxin of a particular strain of *Bacillus thuringiensis* may bind to the gut of some insect larvae but not to others. Thus, the Bt-toxins may have a high specificity for a

small number of insect pest species while having no significant activity against beneficial insects, wildlife, or humans.

Plants transformed to carry Bt genes and express insecticidal proteins are known in the art and include potato, cotton, tomato, corn, tobacco, lettuce, and canola. Transformed plants are known in the art as reflected in US Patent Nos. 5,608,142; 5,495,071; 5,349,124; and 5,254,799, the specifications of which are incorporated in their entirety herein by reference. The use of genetically engineered plants is designed to reduce the use of broad spectrum insecticides.

There is concern that resistance may evolve to Bt toxins, whether they are applied to plants in spray formulations or the plants are genetically engineered to express them. The development of resistance to Bt-toxin expressing crops may also result in resistance to commercial formulations of fermented strains of Bt such as DIPEL® (Abbott Laboratories).

Rapid, reliable methods for broad screening to distinguish and detect the development of Bt resistance in populations of insects are needed. Heretofore, all methods require living or fresh-frozen insect larvae or preparations derived from them. The simplest methods employ bioassays on living insects, in which survivorship or larval metabolic rates are determined over time following a diet containing a specified concentration of a Bt-toxin. One such bioassay based on reduced metabolic rates after exposure to low doses of toxin mixed into artificial diet is discussed in US Patent No. 6,060,039 to Roe *et al.* which is incorporated herein by reference. Other bioassays are based on survival after exposure to a single, high diagnostic dose of toxin (for example, Diaz-Gomez O, Rodriguez JC, Shelton AM, Lagunes-T A, Bujanos-M R, (2000) *Journal of Economic Entomology* 93 (3): 963-970).

In principle, these bioassay methods can detect resistance no matter what its biochemical or physiological mechanism is. However, they require living, healthy larvae for their use, which are not always available. A more severe limitation on these methods is that, depending on the frequency of resistance genes in the populations, millions of individuals may need to be tested to detect a single resistant larva. High-level resistance to Bt is usually recessive, which means that an insect must have two copies of the resistance

gene to be resistant. To a very good approximation, the frequency of such homozygous individuals is given by the square of the frequency of the resistance allele. For example, if the resistance allele frequency is one in a thousand, the frequency of homozygous resistant individuals is one in a million. In this example, more than a million larvae would need to be screened to detect resistance.

One solution to this problem is to develop methods for detecting the resistance genes directly. In the example just given, the frequency of heterozygous carriers of one copy of the resistance allele is 2 x 0.001 x 0.999 or approximately 2 in a thousand. When resistance is recessive, these individuals would not be identified by bioassay because the one resistance allele they carry is not enough to make them fully resistant. But a direct, DNA-based method for detecting the resistance allele would identify these individuals, and sample sizes on the order of a thousand, rather than a million, would suffice.

The main limitation to developing DNA-based methods for detecting resistance alleles is that, up to now, the identity of resistance-causing genes has been unknown. In spite of much work on Bt toxin mode of action, prior to the invention described herein there has not been a demonstration of which genes, when mutated, actually cause resistance. Accordingly, there is room for variation and improvement in the art of screening assays useful in detecting the presence of genes conferring Bt resistance in natural populations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is one aspect of one of the present inventions to provide a genetic probe to identify and monitor resistance for the Bt-toxin in target insect populations. One such insect pest is the tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*) which is a major economic pest of cotton.

It is yet another aspect of one of the present inventions to develop a DNA probe and assay protocol which distinguishes between the conditions of homozygotes and heterozygotes with respect to resistance to Bt in populations of *Heliothis virescens* and other insects.

It is yet another aspect of one of the present inventions to provide a

process and useful sequences in which nucleotide probes are used to monitor the presence of acquired insect resistance associated with a transgenic crop.

It is yet another aspect of one of the present inventions to provide a process and useful nucleotide sequences which are used to monitor population changes in the frequency of alleles which are associated with the resistance to Bt toxin.

These and other features, aspects, and advantages of the present invention will become better understood with reference to the following description and appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A full and enabling disclosure of the present invention, including the best mode thereof, to one of ordinary skill in the art, is set forth more particularly in the remainder of the specification, including reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a QTL map of the Cry1Ac resistance trait on linkage group 9 of *Heliothis virescens.*

Figure 2 is a conceptual translation of HevCaLP (s1 allele and r1 allele) in alignment with BmBtR175 of *Bombyx mori* and BtR1 of *Manduca sexta.*

Figure 3 is a northern analysis of mRNA isolated from susceptible and resistant strains following probing with the gene sequences set forth herein.

Figure 4 sets forth the insertion point of the Hel-1 element in the r1 allele of HevCaLP.

Figure 5 shows the multi-copy occurrence of Hel-1 in genomic DNA of resistant and susceptible strains of *Heliothis virescens.*

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCE LISTINGS

The accompanying sequence ID listings are identified below. The sequence listings appear following the claims and are incorporated herein by reference.

The first sequence 1 identifies SEQ ID NO: 1 which is the DNA sequence of the susceptible allele s1of HevCaLP.

Sequence 2 is the protein sequence SEQ ID NO: 2 of a conceptual

translation of allele s1 as used in the protein alignment to *Bombyx* and *Manduca*.

Sequence 3 is the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 which is the resistant allele r1 of HevCaLP, including the Hel-1 insert and the duplicated target sequences.

Sequence 4 is the DNA insert identified as SEQ ID NO: 4 for the Hel-1 insert which does not include duplicated target sequences.

Sequence 5, having SEQ ID NO: 5, is a DNA sequence corresponding to the left LTR of the Hel-1 insert.

Sequence 6, having SEQ ID NO: 6, is a DNA sequence corresponding to the right LTR of the Hel-1 insert.

Sequence 7, having SEQ ID NO: 7, is a DNA sequence of primer F1 corresponding to bases 1982 to 2001 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

Sequence 8, having SEQ ID NO: 8, is a DNA sequence corresponding to primer R2 consisting of the reverse complement of bases 4322 to 4351 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

Sequence 9, having SEQ ID NO: 9, is a DNA sequence corresponding to primer R3 consisting of the reverse complement of bases 2029 to 2052 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Reference now will be made in detail to the embodiments of the invention, one or more examples of which are set forth below. Each example is provided by way of explanation of the invention, not limitation of the invention. In fact, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the present invention without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention. For instance, features illustrated or described as part of one embodiment, can be used on another embodiment to yield a still further embodiment. Thus, it is intended that the present invention cover such modifications and variations as come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents. Other objects, features, and aspects of the present invention are disclosed in the following detailed description. It is to be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art that the present discussion is a description of exemplary embodiments only and is not

intended as limiting the broader aspects of the present invention, which broader aspects are embodied in the exemplary constructions.

In describing the various figures herein, the same reference numbers are used throughout to describe the same material, apparatus or process pathway. To avoid redundancy, detailed descriptions of much of the apparatus once described in relation to a figure is not repeated in the descriptions of subsequent figures, although such apparatus or process is labeled with the same reference numbers.

Applicants' protocols and procedures may be found in reference to *"Identification of a Gene Associated with Bt resistance in Heliothis virescens"* which was published in Science, volume 293, pp 857-860, on August 3, 2001; and which is incorporated herein by reference.

A resistant strain of *Heliothis virescens* was previously developed in the laboratory by selection using artificial diet containing various concentrations of Bt toxin (Gould F, Anderson A, Reynolds A, Bumgarner L, Moar W (1995) *Journal of Economic Entomology* 88 (6): 1545-1559). The strain, named YHD2, is 10,000 fold more resistant to the toxin Cry1Ac and is conditioned in a large part by a single recessive gene named BtR-4 which is located in linkage group 9 of *H. virescens.* The initial localization of the resistance gene BtR-4 has been reported in the Applicants' prior publication (Heckel DG, Gahan LC, Gould F, Anderson A (1997) *Journal of Economic Entomology* 90: 75-86) and which is incorporated herein by reference.

Further localization of BtR-4 to a particular region of linkage group 9 was carried out using a total of 11 polymorphic markers spanning a length of 105 cM. The markers were scored on a segregating backcross family derived from YHD2 females crossed with susceptible males. The linkage group was scanned for quantitative trait loci (QTLs) conferring Bt resistance following the methods of Lander, ES and Botstein D (1989) *Genetics* 121: 185-193. A single, highly significant peak of the log-likelihood function indicated that the BtR-4 resistance gene is located between A14 and MPI as set forth in Fig. 1.

The cadherin superfamily was chosen as a candidate for BtR-4. Partially degenerate oligonucleotide primers Bmtp5 and Bmtp8 as shown in Table 1 were designed based on published sequence of the BtR175 gene from *Bombyx mori* (GenBank Accession No AB026260, described by

Nagamatsu Y, Toda S, Koike T, Miyoshi Y, Shigematsu S, Kogure M (1998) *Bioscience, Biotechnology and Biochemistry* 62 (4): 727-734). These primers were used in the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with cDNA prepared from midgut mRNA of larval *Heliothis virescens*. A PCR product of 334 basepairs designated Hvcad58 was amplified, cloned and sequenced using conventional methodology well-known to those skilled in the art. The sequence of Hvcad58 corresponds to bases 4279 to 4612 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Radiolabeled Hvcad58 was used to probe Southern filters made from additional segregating backcross families for further mapping on linkage group 9. Finer scale QTL mapping in this region using 268 backcross progeny yielded a single peak of the log-likelihood function directly above the map location of Hvcad58 (Fig. 1). The data clearly indicates that the gene containing Hvcad58 is a strong candidate for the BtR-4 resistance gene.

The Hvcad58 probe was used to screen midgut cDNA libraries made from resistant (YHD2) and susceptible strains of *Heliothis virescens*. Clones recovered from these libraries were sequenced and used to design additional primers to amplify the full-length coding sequence from susceptible cDNA. In addition to the cDNA methods, a five-prime RACE (rapid amplification of cDNA ends) technique was used to complete the full sequence.

The sequencing yielded one transcript (s1) cloned from a susceptible strain as given in SEQ ID NO: 1. Conceptual translation of this transcript produced a protein product (that we have named HevCaLP, *Heliothis virescens* cadherin-like protein) of 1732 amino acids as given in SEQ ID NO: 2. HevCaLP is 70% identical to the BtR175 protein, sharing a signal sequence at the amino terminus, 11 extra-cellular cadherin-type repeats, a non-cadherin proximal membrane region, a transmembrane region, and a highly conserved cytoplasmic domain at the carboxy terminus as shown in Fig. 2. It shows somewhat less similarity to the BT-R1 protein from *Manduca sexta*, as given in GenBank Accession No. AAB33758 and reported by Vadlamudi RK, Weber E, Ji IH, Ji TH, and Bulla LA (1995) *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 270: 5490-5494. The transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains are absent from that sequence of BT-R1.

Expression of the mRNA encoding HevCaLP in susceptible and resistant larval midguts was studied using northern analysis and sequencing

of clones from the resistant library. As shown in Fig. 3, susceptible larvae show a single transcript of 5.5 kb. YHD2 larvae show three transcripts. The sequence of the rarest (7.9 kb) is denoted as the r1 allele, and given as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3. It is similar to the susceptible transcript except for a 2.3 kb insert denoted as Hel-1 as given in the accompanying SEQ ID NO: 4. Hel-1 shows several hallmarks of the LTR-type retrotransposons. Hel-1 has an approximately 255 nucleotide long terminal repeat (LTR) sequence at both ends and an unrelated sequence in the middle. The left LTR sequence, LTRa, is given in SEQ ID NO: 5 and the right LTR sequence, LTRb, is given in SEQ ID NO: 6. Hel-1 is flanked by an 8-nt duplication of the host sequence ACACTGCC, as shown in Fig. 4. The transcript of intermediate abundance (4.4 kb) is an abbreviated form, truncated at the second LTR of Hel-1 by a poly-A tail. The third, highly abundant transcript (2.1 kb), is truncated at the first LTR of Hel-1 by a poly-A tail.

Because of an in-frame stop codon 30 bases into the first LTR of Hel-1, conceptual translation of the three different YHD2 transcripts produces the same truncated 622-aa protein (as shown in the translation of the r1 allele in Fig. 2). Multiple stop codons in all three reading frames of the LTR follow the initial stop codon, preventing translation of a larger protein containing the carboxy-terminus of HevCaLP. Thus, the predicted protein product of the YHD2 r1 allele (if one is produced) would possess the same signal sequence as HevCaLP (possibly directing its secretion into the midgut lumen) but no predicted transmembrane domain or toxin-binding region.

Genomic Southern blots probed with the LTR region of Hel-1 show that it occurs with a copy number of 10-15 in both YHD2 and susceptible insects (Fig. 5). Insertion of this Hel-1 element into the gene encoding HevCaLP has created the novel, knockout r1 allele which confers resistance when homozygous (present in two copies in an individual insect). This insertion event could have occurred in the laboratory during the Bt-resistance selection protocol that produced YHD2, or may already have been present in the field-collected founders of the selection line. Thus it is now evident that a DNA-based method for detecting Bt resistance in *Heliothis virescens* may be devised, based on detection of the specific insertion of the Hel-1 element into the gene encoding HevCaLP, producing the r1 allele.

To illustrate detection of the r1 allele, a PCR assay was designed using two primers flanking the insertion point (F1 and R2) and a third (R3) internal to the left LTR (Fig. 4). Primer F1 consists of bases 1982 to 2001 of SEQ ID NO: 3, 5' ATA CGA GCT GAC GAC ACG CTG GGA GA 3', primer R2 consists of the reverse complement of bases 4322 to 4351 of SEQ ID NO: 3, 5' TCT GAG CGT AGG AGG TGT GTT GTT GAT GTC 3', and primer R3 consists of the reverse complement of bases 2029 to 2052 of SEQ ID NO: 3, 5' GCG CGA TGT GAC AGT CCG GAA CAG 3'. Primers F1 and R3 produce a 71-bp band from the r1 allele. Primers F1 and R2 amplify a 99-bp band from s1 or other susceptible alleles lacking the Hel-1 insert. Heterozygotes produce both bands. This is a marked improvement on a conventional bioassay, which would not distinguish heterozygotes from homozygous susceptibles because the resistant allele is recessive. It also confirms that the resistant strain is fixed for the r1 allele, as all YHD2 individuals examined to date have the 71-bp band only. It will be evident to those skilled in the art that the detection method for the r1 alelle is not limited to PCR with these specific primers, and that there are many other molecular methods of detecting the specific insertion of the Hel-1 element into the HevCaLP gene, based on the sequence information disclosed herein.

It is believed that the gene encoding HevCaLP is identical to BtR-4, the major resistance gene in YHD2. Recessivity of the resistant allele at BtR-4 is explained by Hel-1 inactivation of HevCaLP. HevCaLP functions as a "lethal target" of Bt-toxin, since two copies of the disrupted allele are required for 10,000-fold resistance. Heterozygotes still present a "lethal target" since they have one copy of the susceptible allele.

The normal physiological function of HevCaLP is unknown, although other members of the cadherin superfamily are involved in cell adhesion and signalling (T. Uemura (1998) *Cell* 93 (7): 1095-1098). Whatever its function, it is not essential for life, as YHD2 is viable and fertile under laboratory conditions, despite being a "natural knockout" strain for HevCaLP. Whether its absence confers a fitness disadvantage in the field has important implications for resistance management, and this question can now be addressed with the information developed here. Target-site resistance to other insecticides usually involves modification but not knockout of the target,

which is generally essential for life (e.g., acetylcholinesterase for organophosphates, sodium channel for pyrethroids, GABA receptor for cyclodienes) (French-Constant RH, Pittendrigh B, Vaughan A, Anthony N (1998) *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London Series B–Biological Sciences* 353 (1376): 1685-1693,). However, methoprene resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster* provides another example of resistance by gene inactivation (Wilson TG & Ashok M, (1998) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA* 95 (24): 14040-14044).

The present invention now makes possible the application of molecular methods to Bt-resistance monitoring. We previously estimated the frequency of YHD2-type resistant alleles in field populations of *Heliothis virescens* prior to widespread planting of transgenic Bt-cotton to be 0.002 (Gould F, Anderson A, Jones A, Sumerford D, Heckel DG, Lopez J, Micinski S, Leonard R, Laster M (1997) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA* 94 (8): 3519-3523). This labor-intensive, bioassay-based estimate was derived by testing progeny of more than 1,000 field-caught males mated to YHD2 females, for alleles which would confer resistance when heterozygous with r1. Our results now suggest that this estimate covers the entire class of HevCaLP knockouts regardless of the nature of the molecular lesion, as well as other mutants preventing any expressed HevCaLP from functioning as a toxic target. Development of efficient DNA-based methods to detect these other types of mutants at BtR4 should be a high priority and is now possible with the methods described herein.

Only by monitoring allele frequencies at resistance genes like BtR-4 will it be possible to verify that the high-dose/refuge resistance management strategy for Bt-cotton mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is actually working to keep resistance allele levels low. The present invention affords a new method of complying with EPA regulations which require monitoring resistance levels in *Heliothis virescens*. The present invention provides a nucleic acid probe that will specifically identify genes for resistance in field populations. Further, the probes and protocols set forth herein provide for a method of monitoring the population of homozygous and heterozygous resistant individuals in field populations.

Bt resistance in *Heliothis virescens* caused by other types of mutations

that inactivate the HevCaLP gene product may also be screened for using the information provided herein. Such methods may include obtaining portions of the gene or its homologues by cDNA cloning or the polymerase chain reaction, determining the DNA sequence by standard methods, and examining the sequence for the occurrence mutations that may include nucleotide substitution, insertions, or deletions. Such mutations may affect protein sequences encoded by the gene by causing amino acid substitutions, insertions, or deletions as well as incorrect intron splicing, premature chain termination due to nonsense mutations, or errors in the normal initiation or termination of the transcription or translation.

By way of example, DNA or RNA isolated from individual *Heliothis virescens* is used as the template for PCR using primers specifically designed from SEQ ID NO: 1. The PCR products are directly sequenced, or cloned and sequenced, using standard methods. The sequences are examined using commercially available computer programs well known in the art, such as the Wisconsin Genetics Computer Group package. Mutations, such as individual nucleotide substitutions, insertions, or deletions; or insertions or deletions of several nucleotides, are detected by comparison to SEQ ID NO: 1. Such mutations may alter the amino acid in the protein sequence, leading to reduced binding of Bt toxins to the HevCaLP gene product and thereby conferring resistance. Or such mutations may cause frameshifts or premature occurrence of stop codons, resulting in a truncated or absent protein that fails to bind to Bt toxins and thereby confers resistance.

In the course of this invention, an isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention includes a nucleic acid that is at least about 85%, preferably at least about 90%, and still more preferably at least about 95%, and even more preferably at least about 99% identical to the sequence of the susceptible allele s1 of HevCaLP. Additionally, any isolated polynucleotide or naturally occurring polynucleotide that hybridizes to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 at 60°C in 1X SSC will have properties useful in carrying out the present invention.

Other embodiments of the present invention include isolated nucleic acid molecules that are at least about 85%, preferably at least about 90%, still more preferably at least about 95%, and even more preferably at least about

99%, identical to the sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 4.

Bt resistance in other insect species may also be screened for using the same approach. These species may contain one or more genes homologous to the *Heliothis virescens* HevCaLP gene, whose products interact with Bt toxins. Resistance in these other species can be detected by obtaining the sequence of those genes, designing PCR primers, and amplifying and sequencing DNA from individual insects collected from the field or reared in the laboratory. Examination of the sequence for inactivating mutations as described herein will detect Bt resistance in those species. Representative sequences of HevCaLP homologues in other species and which may be used in the screening process described herein include the following:

1) *Manduca sexta* BT-R1, GenBank Accession No. I77078, US Patent No. 5693491 (SEQ ID NO: 1) and US Patent No. 6,007,981 (SEQ ID NO: 1);

2) *Bombyx mori* BtR175, GenBank Accession No. AB026260, described by Nagamatsu Y, Toda S, Koike T, Miyoshi Y, Shigematsu S, Kogure M (1998) Bioscience, Biotechnology and Biochemistry 62 (4): 727-734;

3) *Pectinophora gossypiella* BT-R2, GenBank Accession No. AX150183, Patent Application, International Publication No. WO01/34807 (SEQ ID NO: 1);

4) *Ostrinia nubilalis*, GenBank Accession No. AX147201, Patent application, International Publication No. WO 01/36639 (SEQ ID NO: 1);

5) *Helicoverpa zea*, GenBank Accession No. AX147203, Patent application, International Publication No. WO01/36639 (SEQ ID NO: 3);

6) *Spodoptera frugiperda*, GenBank Accession No. AX147205, Patent application, International Publication No. WO0/136639 (SEQ ID NO: 5); and

7) *Lymantria dispar* BTR-CAD, GenBank Accession No. AF317621.

The above identified sequences and the referenced publications are all incorporated herein by reference as is set forth in their entirety.

The current methodology includes detecting resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* endotoxin in insect populations by screening for mutations that alter the structure or function of a protein as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2. For the purposes of screening protocols, it is believed that using the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 may include homologues and other species which

would display at least 60% similarity to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2. More preferably, the sequence similarity is at least about 75%, preferably at least about 80%, more preferably at least about 85%, even more preferably at least about 90%, still more preferably at least about 95%, and even more preferably at least about 99% identical to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ. ID. NO: 2.

Several of the mutations in other species detected by this approach may not have an obvious effect of activating the HevCaLP homologue. In that case, evidence that the mutation confers resistance may be obtained by conducting a linkage analysis and mapping the gene as described herein for *Heliothis virescens*. For that purpose, a strain of the species of interest with the mutation is crossed with a wild-type strain, and the F1 hybrids are intercrossed or backcrossed to one of the parental strains. The F2 or backcross progeny are tested for resistance by any of the bioassay methods described previously and well known in the art, and DNA is isolated from each individual progeny. The DNA is analyzed for the presence of the mutation, using restriction fragment polymorphism analysis, allele-specific PCR, denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis, single-stranded conformation polymorphism, denaturing high-performance liquid chromatography, or any other mutation detection system well known in the art. Evidence that the mutation confers resistance is obtained from the correlation across progeny between presence of the mutation and presence of resistance.

A straightforward extension of this method of detecting Bt- resistance is to examine the DNA sequence of genes encoding other proteins that interact with Bt toxins, including but not limited to aminopeptidases, alkaline phosphatases, elastin-like serine proteases, and peptidoglycans.

All cited references, publications, and sequence listings set forth herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

These and other modifications and variations to the present invention may be practiced by those of ordinary skill in the art, without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention. In addition, it should be understood that aspects of the various embodiments may be interchanged both in whole or in part. Furthermore, those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the foregoing description is by way of example only, and is not

intended to limit the invention.

Primers Used in Determining the Structure of BtR4, the Cadherin-like Polynucleotide in Heliothis virescens

Bmtp 5	5'- GTR CTG ACK CTT AAY ATC CAG CCC ACK GC -3'
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T7p2	5'- GGC CAG TGA ATT GTA ATA CGA CTC ACT ATA GGG CG -3'
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T3p2	5'- GAA ATT AAC CAC CCT TAA AGG GAA CAA AAG CTG GAG -3'
CGp3	5'- GGC ACG TTT TTT TCC ACT GAC GGG GTC GTG CG -3'
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RC36cg5+	5'- CTG GAG ACC GCT ATG GAT TTA AGA -3'
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CGp5	5'- TGT ATC TTC TGG AAC TCC GGC ACT TCG AAG TC -3'
CGnotp6	5'- GAT ACG CGG CCG CAT GTG ATG GTT CTG CGT GCC GAC GAT GAA GGA CTG -3'
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RUNI1	5'- CAT ACA CGA CCG CAC GCG CAA CG -3'
RUNI2	5'- TGA GCG CCG AGG TGC AGG TGT AGG -3'
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HvA11R4	5'- CCC GAA GTT RTT GTT ATG GTT TGC TAC TGA -3'
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738-3.4Ksp4	5'- CCA AAG TCC ACG GGC GGT TGC GCA C -3'

TABLE 1

Primers Used in Determining the Structure of BtR4, the Cadherin-like Polynucleotide in Heliothis virescens (continued)

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LTR-Pr2	5'- CTG GCG CGA CCT CAT AGG CCG GCG CGA TGT -3'
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LTR-1.9Ksp2	5'- GTA GTG TGT GAT GTG ATC CAG -3'
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Rint-Rev2	5'- TCT GAG CGT AGG AGG TGT GTT GTT GAT GTC -3'
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C36RESEQ-R	5'- CTC CAT GGT CGT ATG CCT TGA CAT GTA -3'
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RintR-R3	5'- GCG CGA TGT GAC AGT CCG GAA CAG -3'
RintR-F4	5'- ACG CGC AAC GCG CGA TCT ACT CTT -3'

TABLE 1

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9.

2. A nucleotide sequence having at least an 85% identity of one of the sequences set forth in Claim 1.

3. An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

4. Any isolated polynucleotide or naturally occurring polynucleotide that hybridizes the sequence in Claim 1 at 60°C in 1X SSC.

5. An isolated polynucleotide encoding an allele of a gene which when homozygous confers resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* endotoxin comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

6. A nucleotide sequence having at least an 85% identity to the sequence set forth in Claim 5.

7. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a mobile genetic element capable of being inserted into the genomic DNA of insects, comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 .

8. A nucleotide sequence having at least an 85% identity to the sequence set forth in Claim 7.

9. The complement of any of the sequences set forth in Claim 1.

10. A method of detecting resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* endotoxin in *Heliothis virescens* populations by screening for the presence of mutations having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

11. A method of detecting resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* endotoxin in insect populations by screening for mutations that alter the structure or function of any protein encoded by the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

12. A method of detecting resistance to *Bacillus thuringiensis* endotoxin in insect populations by screening for mutations that alter the structure or function of any protein having at least a 60% similarity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

13. A method for detecting mutations in genes from insect populations by screening for the presence of insertions of a DNA sequence set forth in Claim 8.

14. A process for monitoring Bt resistance associated with the presence of an r1 allele in an insect population associated with transgenic crops comprising the steps of:

obtaining DNA from an individual insect;

amplifying said DNA using primers having nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, and SEQ ID NO: 9.

measuring the molecular size of said amplified DNA, thereby determining whether said individual is a susceptible, a heterozygote, or a homozygote for said r1 allele.

15. A process for determining Bt resistance in an insect species containing one or more genes homologous to the HevCaLP gene comprising the steps of:

identifying a first gene encoding a cadherin-like protein;

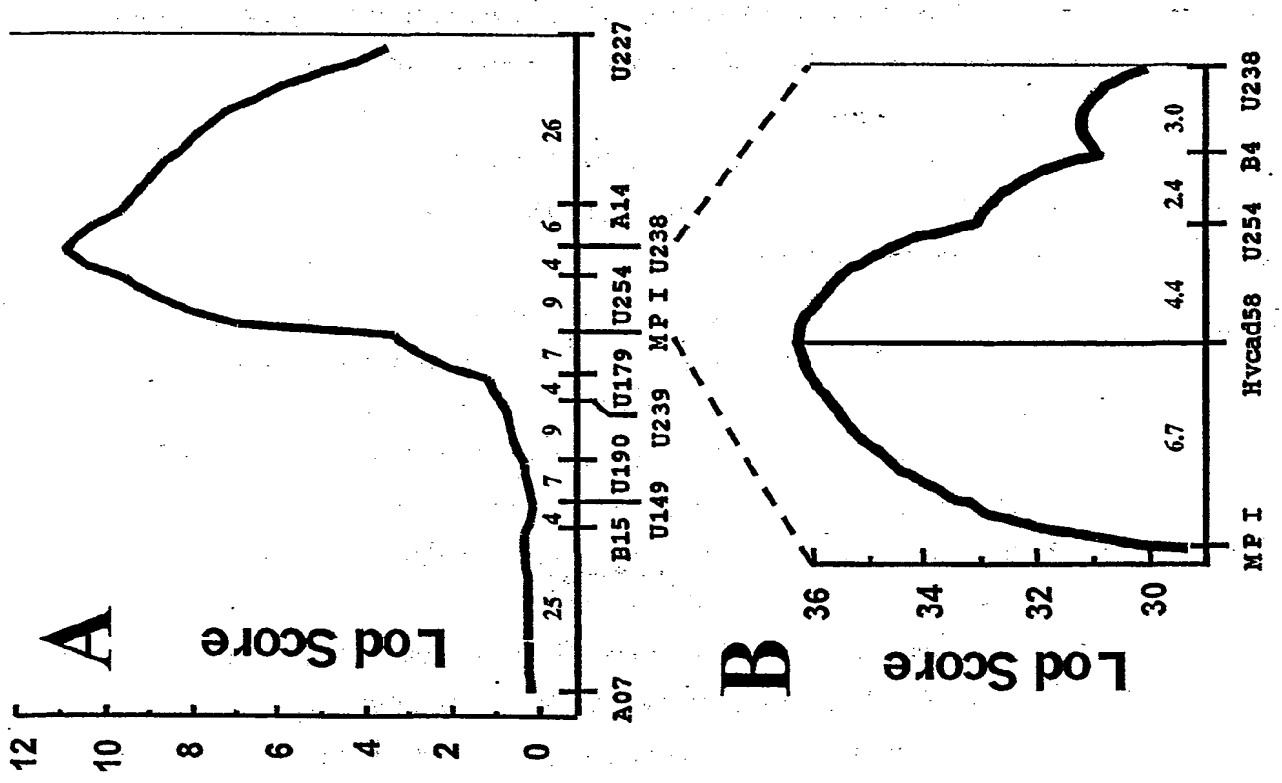
identifying a second gene, said second gene a mutant of said first gene, said mutant gene associated with Bt resistance;

producing a set of primers for PCR amplification of a sample of DNA containing either one of said first gene or said second gene, said set of primers having at least one individual primer unique for a mutated portion of said second gene;

amplifying DNA from an insect using said set of primers;

separating said amplified DNA according to size;

determining from said separated DNA whether said individual insect is a homozygote, a heterozygote, or a susceptible individual with respect to said mutant gene.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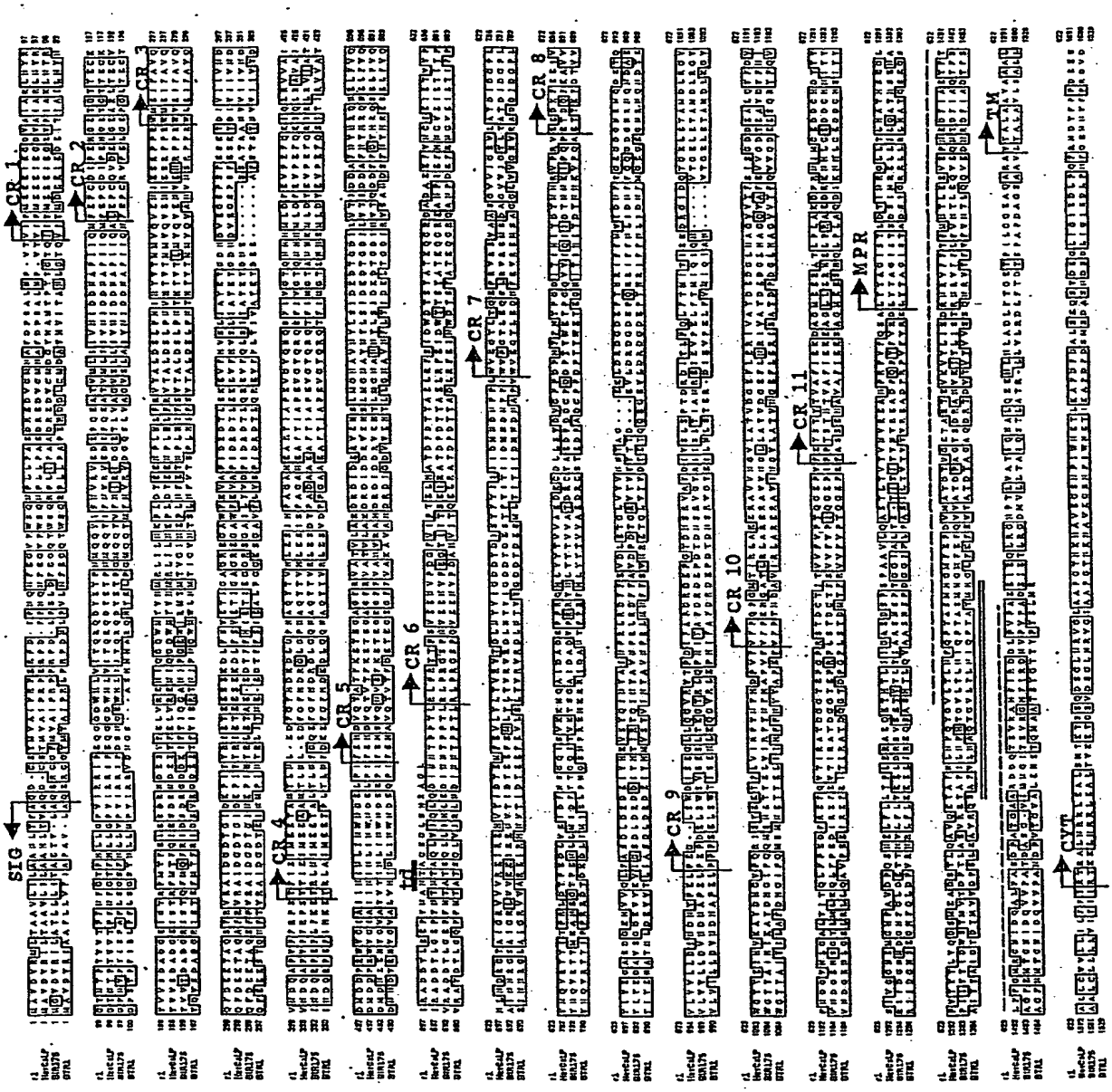

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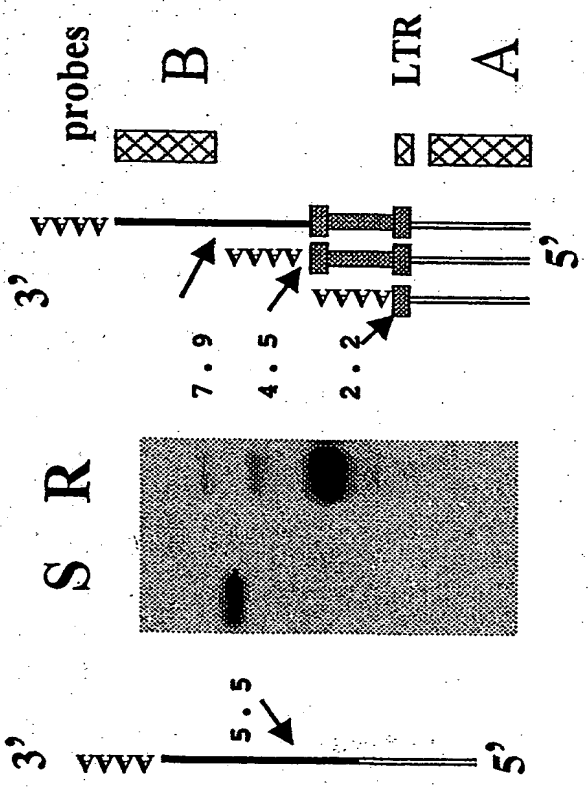

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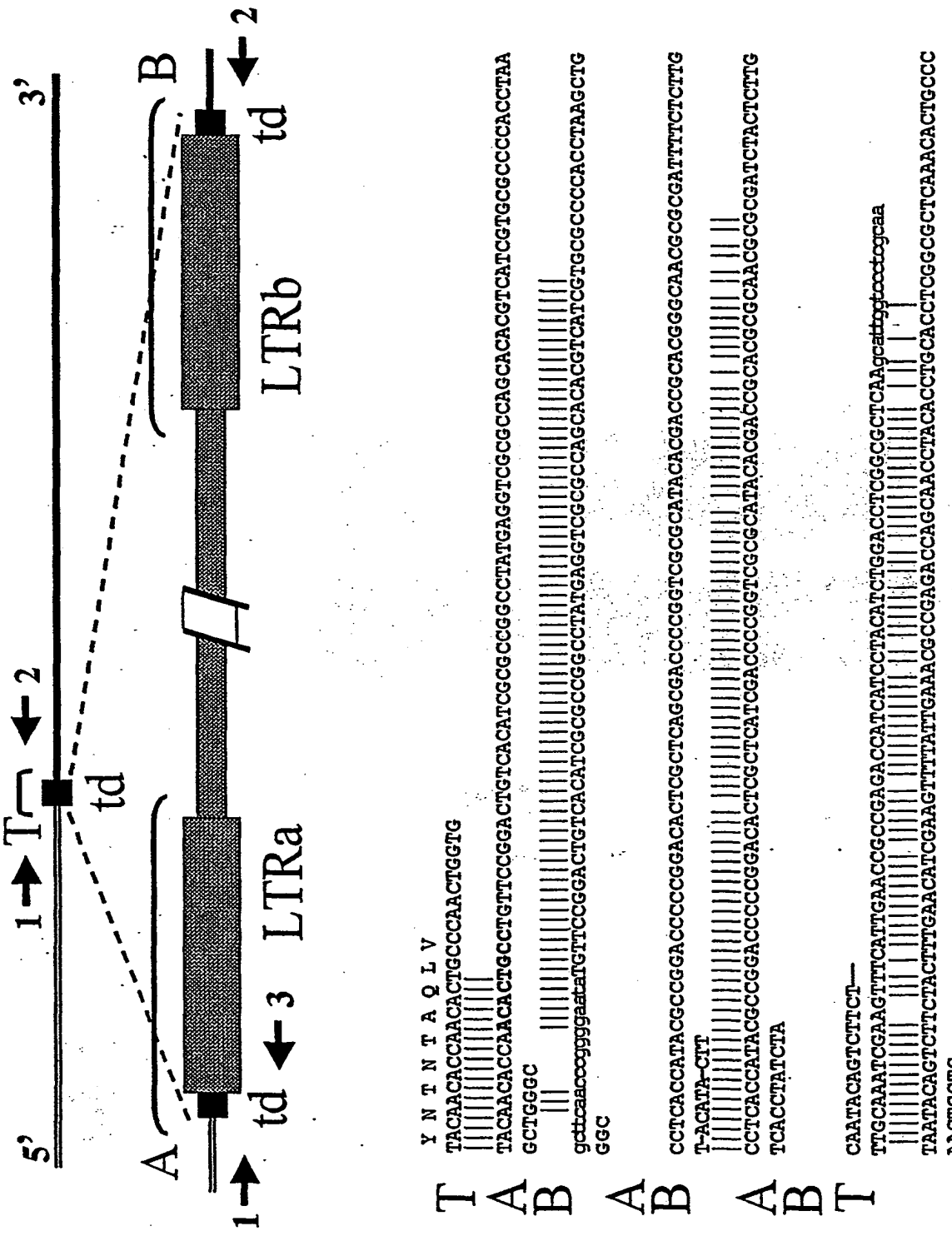
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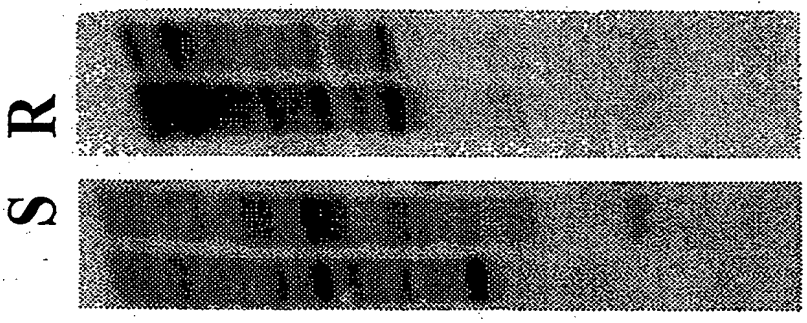

Fig. 5

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